

**Mississippi Secretary of State**  
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**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING**

AGENCY NAME Public Service Commission		CONTACT PERSON Brian U. Ray, Executive Secretary	TELEPHONE NUMBER 601-961-5432
ADDRESS P.O. Box 1174		CITY Jackson	STATE MS
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EMAIL Brian.Ray@psc.state.ms.us	SUBMIT DATE 9/10/13	Name or number of rule(s): Rule 57.2 – Natural Gas Qualification Program, Rules and Regulations Governing Public Utility Service	

Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal: To update and bring into compliance with Federal regulations the rules governing the Natural Gas Qualification Program in Mississippi.

Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: Miss. Code Ann. § 77-3-45

List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: Rules and Regulations Governing Public Utility Service Rule 57.2

**ORAL PROCEEDING:**

☒ An oral proceeding is scheduled for this rule on Date: 10/15/2013 Time: 10:00 AM Place: Public Service Commission hearing room on the First Floor of the Woolfolk State Office Building, Suite 112, 501 N. West Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

☐ Presently, an oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule.

If an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding must be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) or more persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and, if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the party or parties you represent. At any time within the twenty-five (25) day public comment period, written submissions including arguments, data, and views on the proposed rule/amendment/repeal may be submitted to the filing agency.

**ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:**

☐ Economic impact statement not required for this rule. ☒ Concise summary of economic impact statement attached.

TEMPORARY RULES	PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES	FINAL ACTION ON RULES
_____ Original filing _____ Renewal of effectiveness To be in effect in _____ days Effective date: _____ Immediately upon filing _____ Other (specify): _____	Action proposed: _____ New rule(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment to existing rule(s) _____ Repeal of existing rule(s) _____ Adoption by reference Proposed final effective date: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 days after filing _____ Other (specify): _____	Date Proposed Rule Filed: _____ Action taken: _____ Adopted with no changes in text _____ Adopted with changes _____ Adopted by reference _____ Withdrawn _____ Repeal adopted as proposed Effective date: _____ 30 days after filing _____ Other (specify): _____

Printed name and Title of person authorized to file rules: Brian U. Ray

Signature of person authorized to file rules: 

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The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.



DELBERT HOSEMAN  
*Secretary of State*

### CONCISE SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

An Economic Impact Statement is required for this proposed rule by Section 25-43-3.105 of the Administrative Procedures Act. This is a Concise Summary of the Economic Impact Statement which must be filed with the Secretary of State's Office.

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DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF PROPOSED RULE Rule 57.2 – Natural Gas Qualification Program		
Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule: Miss. Code Ann. § 77-3-45	Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule: Rules and Regulations Governing Public Utility Service Rule 57.2	

#### A. Estimated Costs and Benefits

1. Briefly summarize the benefits that may result from this regulation and who will benefit:  
The rule outlines specific qualifications of natural gas operators which will result in safer operations of the systems. Enhanced system reliability that may result would also be beneficial.
2. Briefly describe the need for the proposed rule:  
The amendment is needed to update the present Mississippi Public Service Commission Rule and bring it into compliance with Federal regulations.
3. Briefly describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare:  
The rule outlines specific qualifications for natural gas system operators which will result in safer operation of the systems. Enhanced system reliability that may result would also be beneficial.
4. Estimated Cost of implementing proposed action:
  - a. To the agency  
☐ Nothing ☒ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive
  - b. To other state or local government entities  
☐ Nothing ☒ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive
5. Estimated Cost and/or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed rule:
  - c. Cost:  
☐ Nothing ☒ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive
  - d. Economic Benefit: **NOT QUANTIFIABLE**  
☐ Nothing ☐ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive

6. Estimated impact on small businesses:

☐ Nothing ☒ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive

- a. Estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation: Unknown.
- b. Projected costs for small businesses to comply: Minor impact related to travel expenditures and continuing education.
- c. Statement of probable effect on impacted small businesses: More reliable transmission of natural gas and hazardous liquids.

7. The cost of adopting the rule compared to not adopting the rule or significantly amending the existing rule (check option):

☒ substantially less than ☐ moderately less than ☐ minimally less than  
☐ the same as ☐ minimally more than ☐ moderately more than  
☐ substantially more than ☐ excessively more than

8. The benefit of adopting the rule compared to not adopting the rule or significantly amending the existing rule (check option):

☐ substantially less than ☐ moderately less than ☐ minimally less than  
☐ the same as ☐ minimally more than ☐ moderately more than  
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B. Reasonable Alternative Methods

1. Other than adopting this rule, are there less costly or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule?

☐ yes ☒ no

2. If yes, please briefly describe available, reasonable alternative(s) and the reasons for rejecting those alternatives in favor of the proposed rule. (Please see §25-43-4.104 for factors you must consider.)

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C. Data and Methodology

1. Please briefly describe the data and methodology you used in making the estimates required by this form. Data was provided by Pipeline Safety Division of the Commission.

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D. Public Notice

1. Where, when, and how may someone present their views on the proposed rule and request an oral proceeding on the proposed rule if one is not already scheduled?

All persons and parties who desire to participate in a public hearing are directed to file with the Commission notice of their intent to participate and written comments or testimony on or before October 7, 2013. A public hearing is set for October 15, 2013 at the Public Service Commission's Hearing Room.

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SIGNATURE

DATE

September 10, 2013

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TITLE

Executive Secretary

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PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE

30 days after Final Approval